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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 2ND, 1906.

NATURALLY the formation of a new Government at home, especially when accompanied by the almost romantic circumstances under which Mr. BALFOUR resigned office, excites sympathies through the whole British Empire, however slight may be the individual and personal interest involved. With the strife of parties, Liberal or Conservative, we, of course, in this little Island Colony have little to do; but the dispositions of the Cabinet over and above their mere party predilections may very seriously affect us, not only as a Crown Colony, but as intimately affected by the home relations with China. The first is, of course, under the Colonial Office; the second has to say to II. M. Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. In both departments the new Government labours under one grave source of weakness in being avowedly a coalition between the two extreme wings of the party, those who love to call themselves Imperialists, and those to whom that name, as in the case of the PRIME MINISTER himself, is a source of loathing. The Cabinet indeed contains within itself those two irreconcilable elements whose internal strife caused the destruction of GLADSTONE'S Cabinet in 1894, and which caused the amalgamation of two thitherto opposing elements, the Conservatives and the Liberal Unionists, under whom clinging closely together the government of the Empire has since been carried on. Curiously this combined party has fallen a victim to similar elements of discord within the party itself, though it is remarkable that this new split is in no way coincident

with the former differences of the two parties, but is actually at right angles with it. Adroitly the Liberal party took advantage of this divergence of the two sections, and went to the country nominally on the question of Free Trade; actually merely on the interpretation to be placed on the term, and whether the doctrine of accepting a Protection more irksome than anything ever before known was to be accompanied by a process of cheapening and debasing, and accepted as a blessing to the working man at the expense of the nation at large, and destructive in the end to his own interests. It was, of course, easy for the modern school of pinchbeck Goldenists to pose for the instant as the genuine metal, and this was rendered the easier that the usual swing of the balance between the two parties was according to the experience of over a century actually due. The two superlatives have caused a reversion quite as marked, though in the opposite direction, as that that occurred in the General Election of 1895. Of what were the general issues that determined the present election it is as yet premature to speak; the short telegraphic summaries which are all we have to depend on are by no means clear or consistent, and even if they were, it is by no means certain that either party has as yet hit on the right solution. Returning, however, to the point from which we originally started, it is plain that as concerns Hongkong, more especially in connection with the development of our interests in China, the two most interesting figures are the two comparatively new men who represent the Colonial and Foreign Offices respectively. We use the term "comparatively new" advisedly, because neither Lord ELGIN nor Sir EDWARD GREY are in the wider sense unknown. Lord ELGIN was appointed during Lord ROSEBURY'S short administration in 1894 Viceroy of our greatest dependency, India, but though appointed under a Liberal Government, the greater portion of his administration was passed under the Unionist lead of Lord SALISBURY, and though not one of the great administrators who have set their mark indelibly on the great charge committed to their care, Lord ELGIN was able to retire with enhanced honour and reputation from a difficult post requiring the exercise of some of the highest qualities of statecraft. In his new office he will succeed such able and sympathetic predecessors as Mr. CHAMBERLAIN and Mr. LYTTELTON, and though to a certain extent the difficulties of the post will be thereby lessened, in others the comparison will tend to show any personal weaknesses that may be inherent in the man. Sir EDWARD GREY, of course, stands on a pinnacle of his own; he has always more than the other members of his party claimed the right of his own convictions, and refused, when in the office of Under Secretary, to be led blindly even by his exacting chief, the late Mr. GLADSTONE; and in the present instance has boldly announced his intention of carrying on his office on the lines laid down by Lord LANSDOWNE; he is in fact the hope of the Imperialist section of the present Cabinet; but it is, of course, too early to judge how much, or how little, this may portend. On the whole, it is likely that, notwithstanding the presence in the Government of a wing whose avowed wishes ally them with the Little England party, the outside relations of the country will not undergo, for some time at least, any very marked change. The bolder and more straightforward policy pursued by the Unionist party when in office undoubtedly coincided with the wishes of the country at large. This was most conspicuous with respect to the alliance with France; France, for all the little causes of disunion which now and then cropped up, has always been a favourite in England; and the attempt has always been made by the people at large to minimise any little cause of friction. On the whole, the French people have gladly responded, and both have learned by experience how manifold more numerous were the occasions when both interests coincided than when they clashed. The alliance of France as naturally brings us into pleasant lines with the other Latin peoples, and this without requiring any sacrifice of their independence of feeling on the part of any. In one respect, and that the most important in such an understanding, all are agreed, and that is in the overpowering desire for peace. Russia is momentarily stilled by the course of events. What affects her most at the present juncture is the necessity for putting in order her finances; this can hardly be brought about unless by some amelioration of her internal affairs, and all this tends to the same end. Whatever, then,

may be the sentiments of individual members, on the whole the situation tends towards a continuation of our late policy, and this is probably the real reason that, notwithstanding a nominal reversal of the political aspect at home, which in ordinary circumstances would betoken a grave political danger, the change is looked upon without any grave symptoms of apprehension. England has within the present generation passed through far more dangerous crises, and there is little reason to apprehend that the sun of her prestige has as yet come within any measurable distance of setting.

The report of the Hongkong Ice Co. Ltd., some raising information, and other matter, will be found on page 5.

The storm of Wednesday night gave the sloop population an anxious time. No fewer than four sampans were capsized at different points of the harbour, but fortunately the occupants were all rescued, either by passing launches or neighbouring sampans.

The Hongkong Football Club plays a Rugby match against the United Services to-day (Friday), kicking off at 4.45 p.m. The Club team consists of—T. C. Gray; F. C. Kenda; T. E. Pearce; M. A. Murray; and W. J. Daniel; C. M. Proshaw and R. J. Blackburn; F. W. Lester, A. Boyd, P. C. Murray, J. C. Sloan, E. D. C. Wolfe, J. Harrow, S. C. Vickers and H. F. Chad.

Notes of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino of Lisbon are now in circulation at Macao, and will doubtless in due course find their way to Hongkong. We are informed that the local banks will accept these notes at their par value, or they may be cashed at the office of Messrs. Rozario & Co., the local agents of the bank. Only one dollar notes and five dollar notes have been issued.

Sir Clement Liang-cheng, the Chinese Minister, notified Mr. Root, State Secretary, of the departure of the China Imperial Commission which was to arrive in Washington about January 21 to study American political, naval, educational, and industrial methods. Another commission, headed by Hsiang Chi-lung, is visiting Europe on a similar mission. It is explained that the missions were undertaken with the object of following the example of Japan and of taking advantage of the best modern foreign ideas which could be engrafted on Chinese civilization.

Our Macao correspondent writes about an eyecore that visitors have been noticing. He says: "The road that leads from the Boa Vista Hotel to the Santa Sancha was at one time a much frequented place, especially during the summer when large numbers resort to this spot to enjoy the cool breezes which generally prevail there. Of late I notice that it is sadly neglected by the local Sanado and the Public Works department. The hillside overlooking the picturesque Bishop's Bay has been allowed to become a dumping ground for all sorts of objectionable rubbish which emits fearful smells."

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, February 1st.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

AN ABSCONDING PLAINTIFF.

W. Alaraki sued Pak Sui-ki for \$1,000 due on a promissory note. Mr. F. P. Hett (of Messrs. Brutton, Hett and Goldring) appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. A. Holborow for defendant.

Mr. Holborow asked that the case be struck off the list, as the plaintiff had absconded.

Mr. Hett objected to this, stating that although the man was absent he might return. His Lordship—Do you know why he is absent?

Mr. Hett—No.

His Lordship—Well, I do. It is better for him.

Judgment was accordingly entered for defendant with costs.

A QUESTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

The Fung Chong Wing firm brought an action against the Yee Ting Kwong firm for the recovery of \$236.56 for rice supplied.

Mr. R. Harding appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. F. P. Hett (of Messrs. Brutton, Hett and Goldring) for defendants.

The claim, which had originally been for \$316.56, was for rice supplied to both defendants, who were contractors carrying out works at the Dock Yard Extension and Yamat, but while it was admitted that the rice had been supplied it was denied that the two men were partners.

HOCKEY.

CLUB V. R.A.

The following will represent the H. K. Hockey Club, on the Club ground this afternoon at 4.45 p.m., playing in White—Sub-Lt. Fyde R.N.; J. P. MacGillivray and F. W. Lyons; P. K. Knyvet, H. J. O. Barnett and W. S. Dupree; H. G. C. Bailey (capt.), R. F. C. Master, P. P. J. Wedehouse, L. G. Bird and W. W. G. Ross.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 1st at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer is rising over China, and falling rapidly over W. Japan and the Loochees. The depression is in the Eastern Sea and moving Eastwards. Pressure is highest over N. China.

TELEGRAMS.

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EASTERN SHIPPING MENACE.

S.S. "SILVIA" STRIKES A MINE.

SHANGHAI, February 1st.

The Hamburg-America Steamship Company's s.s. *Silvia* struck a floating mine near Vladivostok on Monday, and had to be beached to prevent her sinking. She was bound for Odessa with troops. There were no casualties.

[The s.s. *Silvia* is of 6,500 gross tonnage, and left Vladivostok on January 29th with 2,150 Russian soldiers on board.]

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE DEATH OF THE KING OF DENMARK.

LONDON, January 30th.

It was not till 2.30 p.m. that King Christian was sufficiently indisposed to retire to his bed. Only the Dowager Empress of Russia and Prince Hans were present at the end; other members of the family arrived too late. The official announcement of the death says that the symptoms pointed to heart failure.

The accession of King Frederick the Eighth will be proclaimed to-day.

The Emperor of Germany goes to Denmark. Queen Alexandra will also go, but the presence of the King of England depends on the date of the funeral.

THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

LONDON, January 30th.

The King will open parliament with a modified ceremonial.

BARON SUYEMATSU AND THE N. D. L.

SPECIAL INTERVIEW.

In consequence of Reuters' telegram announcing that Baron Suyematsu, while a passenger on the N.D.L. s.s. *Zeiten*, had complained of discourteous treatment, a *Daily Press* representative was instructed to interview the distinguished Japanese diplomat, as well as the commander, immediately on arrival of the steamer at Hongkong.

Baron Suyematsu said that but for one circumstance he would not have consented to refer again to this disagreeable matter. He published his complaint at Port Said, the first available opportunity; and at Colombo, the German Consul, who happened also to be agent for the Norddeutscher Lloyd, waited upon him and assured him that no intentional disrespect had been paid to him.

"With that assurance," said His Excellency, "I was quite satisfied, and prepared to regard the incident as closed. I agree to speak for publication in the *Daily Press* now because of what was published in a newspaper at Singapore [the *Strait Times*], as coming from the Captain when interviewed at Penang. That statement is false from beginning to end. Captain von Binner is reported to have said that the upper seats at the Chief Officer's table were occupied by ladies. That is not true. Apart from any special claims to courtesy, I consider that as a Japanese gentleman I was disgracefully treated. I was seated, with my staff and three other Japanese passengers, at the foot of the Chief Officer's table. At each port on the way out passengers were getting off, and if there had been any sincere desire to make amends, I could easily have been offered more honourable places. It is true that the captain approached me on board as he says, but the manner in which he did it was to add further insult to the one already given. He approached me as I was coming out of the smoke room, when it was dark."

The interview with the captain was not managed. He was very busy, naturally, and the numerous other engagements of our reporters prevented a mutually convenient opportunity. We reproduce, therefore, Capt. von Binner's explanation as it was published at Singapore—the one to which the Baron has just taken exception.

"He says that H.E. Chang Tsi-jen, the returning Chinese Minister, boarded the *Zeiten* at Southampton. He (the Captain) had received no instructions from his Company or elsewhere that he was to expect any passenger of such exalted rank; but when the Minister saw him, he rose, and he, the Captain, followed him to the fore, as is the customary courtesy with all passenger ships and warships when carrying a distinguished personage of alien nationality. The Captain's table was already full, but the Minister was offered the separate private table usually reserved for distinguished persons, and he accepted it. Subsequently, at Genoa, Baron Suyematsu came on board the *Zeiten*. Captain von Binner had received no instructions as to his arrival, and did not expect any more distinguished diplomat. The Baron was received at first as an ordinary passenger of high rank, and was given a seat at the Chief Officer's table. The upper seats were already occupied, and the Baron was placed below the ladies who occupied the seats of honour. When, subsequently, the Captain learned indirectly that Baron Suyematsu was a statesman of high rank and a diplomatic representative of his nation in Europe, he promptly sent the Chief Steward to him to enquire if he desired to be placed at a separate private table similar to that occupied by the Chinese Minister. This offer the Baron refused; but next morning he took such a table and ordered the stewards to lay it for him and his party. This was done. He never complained of anything to the Captain, whom he only saluted when addressed, but merely wrote to the press. His complaint was solely aimed at the places assigned to himself and suite at table, the entire party of Japanese claiming the right to seats at the Captain's table. Your correspondent interviewed many passengers on board the s.s. *Zeiten*, including the Chinese Minister, and all expressed their satisfaction with the treatment accorded to them during the voyage."

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

FIRST ANNUAL EXHIBITION.

The recently formed Hongkong Horticultural Society is to be congratulated on the success attending its inaugural efforts, the first annual exhibition under its auspices being opened yesterday in the Botanical Gardens and continued to-day. A prettier site—round the fountain—could scarcely have been selected, and both within and without the enclosure visitors looked upon nature in its fairest form. These associations with the Society have been fortunate in enlisting considerable enthusiasm and support, exhibitors coming forward in greater numbers than was expected, while the quality and nature of the displays were also much better than was anticipated.

The entries, which numbered 420, were fairly evenly distributed, most classes being well filled and only in two or three were there no exhibits. Considered generally, the quality of both flowers and vegetables reached a very high level, and in some instances the judges found a difficulty in making a selection. However, Sir Francis Piggott, and Messrs. Tutchet and D. W. Craddock discharged their duties admirably and no fault was found with their decisions. Roses were a very fine collection, and pot plants were exceptionally strong.

A noteworthy feature of the show was the Mauritius and Hongkong Economic Collections which were fully explained in the hand-book and attracted considerable interest. The Hongkong Hotel also sent a very pretty collection of pot plants.

Happily, the event was favoured with brilliant weather and visitors were numerous, especially in the afternoon, when the band of the 2nd Batt. West Kent Regiment attended and discoursed pleasing selections.

Prizes were given by the Society, H. E. the Governor, H. E. the General Officer Commanding, Sir Francis Piggott, Sir Paul Chater, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. S. T. Dunn, Mr. Ho Kom-tung, Sept. Band F. Department, Mr. Chau Siok-ki, Mr. Fung Wa-chun, Mr. J. Barton, and "Old Adam" through the *Daily Press*.

The prize awarded by ballot—ticket holders writing their selection on a counterfoil—for the best table decoration went to Mrs. Seth by popular consent, while Mr. Chan Lup-chee secured the distinction of having it proclaimed that his was the neatest garden in the Colony, and Mrs. Noma had the honour of gaining the prize for the best arrangement of flowers and foliage according to the rules of Japanese art.

The list of officials managing the Society is as under:—

Patrons, His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G.; His Excellency Major-General Villiers Hutton, C.B., and Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.R.; President, His Honour Sir Francis Taylor Piggott, Kt.; General Committee—Mr. J. Barton, Miss E. Bowley, Mrs. Brewin, Mr. D. W. Craddock, Mr. A. Denison, Mr. S. T. Dunn, Mr. E. Osborne, Mrs. Seth, Mr. L. Gibbs, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Flower Show Sub-Committee—Mr. J. Barton (Chairman), Miss E. M. Bowley, Mrs. Dickson, Mr. L. Gibbs, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. L. A. M. Johnston, and Mrs. Seth, with Mr. S. T. Dunn, Honorary Secretary.

Appended is the prize list:—

PLANTS FROM PEAK GARDENS ONLY.

Class I—6 Annuals—1, Mr. E. H. Sharp; 2, Mrs. Salinger.

Class II—3 Flowering Plants—1, Mrs. Johnston; 2, Mrs. Turner.

Class III—2 Dahlias—No entries.

Class IV—Pot of Violets—1, Peak Club; 2, Mrs. Johnston.

Class V—Pot of Mignonette—1, Mrs. Salinger.

Class VI—3 Pots of Nasturtium—1, Mrs. Dickson; 2, Mrs. Salinger.

PLANTS FROM ANY PRIVATE GARDEN.

Class VII—6 Annuals—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Chan Lup-chee.

Class VIII—3 Flowering Plants—1, Mr. Chan Lup-chee; 2, Mrs. Brewin.

Class IX—3 Roses—1, Mr. Brewin; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

Class X—2 Dahlias—1, Mr. Mody; 2, Dr. Jordan.

Class XI—Pot of Pansies—1, Mr. Mody; 2, Mrs. Dickson.

Class XII—Pot of Violets—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class XIII—Pot of Mignonette—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mr. Chan Lup-chee.

PLANTS IN POTS (OPEN TO ALL).

Class XIV—6 Annuals—1, Mr. Kwong Chi-un; 2, Sir Paul Chater.

Class XV—3 Flowering Plants—1, Mr. Wing Tsun-un; 2, Miss Loureiro.

Class XVI—3 Flowering Plants—1, Miss Loureiro; 2, Mr. Fat Ki-un.

Class XVII—3 Geraniums—1, Dr. Jordan; 2, Mr. Ho Kom-tung.

Class XVIII—3 Camellias—1, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class XIX—2 Dahlias—1, Mr. Fat Ki-un; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class XX—2 Asters—1, Sir Paul Chater; 2, Mrs. Ho Tung.

Class XXI—1 Pink Carnation or Sweet William—1, Mr. Kwong Chi-un; 2, Mr. Mody.

Class XXII—1 Mr. Ho Kom-tung; 2, Dr. Jordan.

Class XXIII—Pot of Pansies—No exhibits.

Class XXIV—6 kinds of Vegetables—1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mrs. Jones Hughes.

Class XXV—2 Heads of Celery—1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mrs. Lewis.

Class XXVI—6 Beet Roots—1, Mrs. Dickson; 2, Mrs. Jones Hughes.

Class XXVII—6 Carrots—1, Mrs. Dickson; 2, Mrs. Grigg.

Class XXVIII—2 Cauliflowers—1, Mrs. Deacon; 2, Mr. Mody.

Class XXIX—2 Cabbages—1, Mrs. Deacon; 2, Mrs. Dickson.

Class XL—2 Lettuces—1, Mr. Mody; 2, Mrs. Brewin.

Class XLI—50 Pods of Peas—1, Mrs. Ho Tung; 2, Mrs. Rodger.

Class XLII—50 Pods of French Beans—1, Mrs. Lewis; 2, Mrs. Dickson.

Class XLIII—36 Potatoes—1, Mrs. Lewis.

Class XLIV—6 Turnips—1, Mrs. Grilla.

Class XLV—12 Onions—No exhibits.

Class XLVI—25 Radishes—1, Mrs. Deacon; 2, Mr. Mody.

Class XLVII—12 Tomatoes—1, Mrs. Rodger; 2, Mrs. Lewis.

Class XLVIII—2 Vegetable Marrows—1, Mrs. Deacon; 2, Mrs. Dickson.

VEGETABLES FROM CHINESE MARKET GARDENS.

Class XLIX—2 Heads of Celery—1, Mr. Ho Tung.

Class L—6 Beet Roots—1, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LI—6 Carrots—1, Mr. Ho Tung; 2, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LII—2 Cauliflowers—1, Castle Peak Farm; 2, Mr. Ho Tung.

Class LIII—2 Cabbages—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LIV—2 Lettuces—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LV—50 Pods of Peas—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LVI—50 Pods of French Beans—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LVII—25 Potatoes—No exhibits.

Class LVIII—6 Turnips—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LIX—25 Radishes—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LX—50 Brussels Sprouts—No exhibits.

Class LXI—12 Tomatoes—1, Castle Peak Farm.

FRUITS.

Class LXII—Collection of fruits grown in Hongkong—1, Mr. Chan Lup-chee.

GENERAL EXHIBITS.

Class LXIII—Best exhibit of Colonial Vegetable Products of any kind including plants, fruits, preserves, etc.—1, Castle Peak Farm.

Class LXIV—Best collection of flowers grown and exhibited in a window-box or verandah-box by any resident son or daughter not exceeding 15 years of age—1, Felix Ellis.

Class LXV—Best exhibit of vegetable products from any Treaty Port of China—1, Mr. Leung Hing-yip.

Class LXVI—Best flowering plant from any Police Station in the New Territory—No exhibits.

Class LXVII—Best group of flowering and foliage plants—1, Mr. Ho Kom-tung.

Class LXVIII—Best collection of vegetables from Private Gardens—1, Mr. Babington.

Class LXIX—Best three flowering or foliage plants in pots open to N.C.O.'s and Men of the Garrison of Hongkong—1, Sergt. Allen, R.G.A.

Class LXX—Best arrangement of cut flowers and foliage according to the rules of Japanese art—No exhibits.

Class LXXI—Neatest Garden in the Colony—1, Mr. Chan Lup-chee; 2, Mr. Ho Tung.

Class LXXII—Best group of China New Year Plants—1, Tsing Lun-un.

At five o'clock the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by H. E. the Governor in the presence of a large assembly.

Sir FRANCIS PIGGOTT (the President) said:—I have to ask His Excellency to present the prizes.

HIS EXCELLENCY then handed the prizes to the winners, at the conclusion of which he said:—I think the show is a very satisfactory one for a first start. I hope next year it will be still better (applause). We are indebted to Sir Francis Piggott, Mr. Barton, and the other gentlemen of the committee for the excellent arrangements they have made which have contributed to the success of the show (applause).

Sir FRANCIS PIGGOTT—I am sure you wish to express your thanks to His Excellency for presiding this afternoon. In name of the visitors and also in name of the Society, I beg to thank you, sir, very heartily for your presence this afternoon (applause).

This terminated the formal proceedings and the visitors continued their inspection of the show.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

January 31st.

FOREIGN CAPITAL.

Viceroy Shun's desire to exploit foreign capital is being considered by the Board of Revenue, whose decision is expected soon.

THE IMPRISONED GUILD-MAN.

Lai Kwai-pui, the representative of the Guilds who is imprisoned for criticising the Viceroy's government, had hundreds of New Year callers.

CHINESE EVIDENCE.

Viceroy Chou Fu telegraphed his son Chow Hok-yuen, an expectant Taoist, to make a list of all the officials who had acted "rashly" in connection with the recent agitation, and he (the Liang-Kiang Viceroy) would denounce them to the Throne. Chang Chih-tang has been ordered by Peking to make private enquiries about affairs at Canton.

POSSIBLE MAGISTERIAL CHANGE.

The Poon-yu Magistrate, Chai Wai-tung, is in disgrace so far as local officials are concerned his colleagues wish to replace him with Tong Shing-chang, the Shantung magistrate. The Viceroy held a private consultation yesterday morning with the officials.

A SPECULATION FOILED.

The Viceroy has officially closed a granite quarry which a native had let to a prominent Hongkong contractor, it having been represented that the quarry was on Government property. The quarry was taken as a speculation to supply material for the railway.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AGENCY CO., LTD.

The seventeenth ordinary meeting of shareholders in this company was held at the company's offices, Victoria Buildings, at noon yesterday. Hon. Mr. C. W. Dickinson presided, and there were present Sir Paul Chater, Messrs. H. P. White, N. A. Siebs, A. Haupt, and E. Shillim (directors), A. Shelton Hooper (secretary), Hon. Mr. Gershom Stewart, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C., Messrs. J. Orange, J. R. Michael, G. Murray Bain, H. Percy Smith, A. Agar, F. E. George, S. Hancock, T. F. Hough, C. W. May, G. B. Sayer, W. H. Wickham and Ho Fook.

The SECRETARY read the notice convening the meeting, and the CHAIRMAN, in proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:—Gentlemen, I propose with your permission to dispense with the formality of reading the report and accounts, which have been in your hands for several days. There were in 1905 no acquisitions of new properties, the attention of the Board being devoted to the further development of those already held, and towards this purpose a considerable sum has been expended, as you will observe from the increased amount appearing as invested in property. The blocks known as Royal Buildings have been completed during the year, the first annual dividend revenue from the same, and the other two from the other, but in these last there are still a few vacancies to be filled. When this is done and attention to one other European building completed, our rent roll should be increased by about \$45,000 yearly. It is a matter of regret to your Directors that notwithstanding every endeavour it has not been possible to let many of your Chinese properties, such vacancies representing about \$75,000 annual rental, and in connection with this regrettable experience, I can only repeat the statement made to you from this chair at the last annual meeting that it is difficult to reconcile such a state of affairs with the complaint of overworking in more central districts. Towards development expenditure money invested on mortgage has been called in to the extent of \$263,500, reducing the revenue from that source, and our indebtedness has likewise been increased for the same purpose calling the payment of further interest. The sum of \$100,526 appearing at credit represents the profit on a sale of property still to be completed, and an increase in the book value of the Company's holding in shares of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., which, I may incidentally mention, have been recently dealt in at over 50 per cent. above what they now stand at in your books. A slight increase in charges is more than counterbalanced by a reduction in the sum expended on repairs, while the extra amount paid away for fire insurance is explained by the enhanced value of properties. Finally, gentlemen, your Directors are sanguine of being able, even though no sales of property be effected, to show in future years results which will admit of the payment of at least an equal dividend to that they propose for 1905, viz. 7 per cent. There are no other points which occur to me for reference, but any questions you may desire to put before the meeting, the statements now before the meeting, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability.

Mr. POLLOCK—Mr. Chairman, I rise to put some questions which I think ought to be put in the interests of the general body of shareholders of the Company. The first is—Is it a fact that this Company was one of the original shareholders in the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.?

The CHAIRMAN—It is a fact.

Mr. POLLOCK—To what extent?

The CHAIRMAN—The Land Investment Co. has held shares to the value of \$200,000 in the Reclamation Co., which represent 60 per cent.

Mr. POLLOCK—Is it a fact that Reclamation property was knocked down to Mr. Shelton Hooper, the paid Secretary of this Company, at public auction? If so, by whom was he employed to purchase that property?

The CHAIRMAN—My answer to the first question is No; the land was not knocked down to the Secretary of the Company.

Mr. POLLOCK—Then, who was it knocked down to?

The CHAIRMAN—I don't know that I can answer that question. This is the Land Investment Company's meeting.

Mr. POLLOCK—You have just admitted that the managing directors thought it advisable for us to invest \$200,000 in the Land Reclamation Co., and that we were original shareholders. Therefore, I am entitled to know.

The CHAIRMAN—The decision to take \$200,000 worth of shares was arrived at by the full board of directors.

Mr. POLLOCK—I want to know to whom the property was knocked down?

The CHAIRMAN—I haven't the information on hand.

Mr. POLLOCK—The information must be known to you, Sir Paul Chater, or the Secretary, Sir Paul Chater—I was not in the Colony at the time.

Mr. POLLOCK—Mr. Northcott may be able to tell us.

The CHAIRMAN—No.

Mr. POLLOCK—I understand Mr. Northcott is secretary to the Land Reclamation Company?

The CHAIRMAN—No. He is bookkeeper. He was acting Secretary.

Mr. POLLOCK—What profit has accrued to the Company as a shareholder in the Land Reclamation Co. from the reclamation effected by the latter Company at Tsimshatsui, near Blackhead's Point?

The CHAIRMAN—Only a portion of the reclamation in question has been disposed of, and the benefit to the company is derived in the shape of the interest, dividend and bonus recently declared, amounting to 12 per cent. in all.

Mr. POLLOCK—And we still hold shares in that company to the amount of \$200,000?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Mr. POLLOCK—And you told us just now that those shares have depreciated?

The CHAIRMAN—As mentioned by 50 per cent. as they now stand on the books.

Mr. POLLOCK—What is the increase in the value of our property after making allowance for depreciation, etc.?

The CHAIRMAN—The face value of the shares is \$75 each, but they stand in the books at \$100.

Mr. POLLOCK—Are the managing directors of this Company also managing directors of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.?

The CHAIRMAN—It is a well-known fact that they are.

Mr. POLLOCK—I only want to know the fact. Is it so?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Mr. POLLOCK—Is it true that this company has disposed of any property or rights of reclamation to the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.?

The CHAIRMAN—One lot has been sold by the Land Investment Co. to the Reclamation Co.

Mr. POLLOCK—What lot is that?

The CHAIRMAN—Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49.

Mr. POLLOCK—And when did that sale take place?

The CHAIRMAN—In 1902.

Mr. POLLOCK—Was that a property partially under the sea?

The CHAIRMAN—Not at that time.

Mr. POLLOCK—Was that sale effected solely by the managing directors of this company to the managing directors of the Land Reclamation Co.?

The CHAIRMAN—I have no personal knowledge, as I was not a managing director at that time, but I am informed that the board of this company decided to sell.

Mr. POLLOCK—Well, the managing directors of the other Company must have made up their minds that it was a good thing to buy, otherwise the matter wouldn't have gone through.

The CHAIRMAN—That seems a reasonable conclusion.

Mr. POLLOCK—How is the item, \$100,526, which appears in the accounts as a profit on property and on investments, made up?

The CHAIRMAN—I have already answered that question in my speech.

Mr. POLLOCK—I should like a definite, specific answer now.

The CHAIRMAN—I will again read you what I said.

Mr. POLLOCK—I don't understand what you mean when you state "profits of sale of property still to be completed."

The CHAIRMAN—I mean that the property is sold, but the sale is not completed.

Mr. POLLOCK—Do you mean to say we have not got this amount in hand?

The CHAIRMAN—That is so.

Mr. POLLOCK—How much is it?

The CHAIRMAN—\$50,526.

Mr. POLLOCK—And that is put down as profit when we have not received it yet?

Mr. CHAIRMAN—It is a profit, and it is quite a reasonable and proper thing to assess one's assets at the price at which they have already been sold.

Mr. POLLOCK—There are plenty of gentlemen in this room who know the ordinary principles of bookkeeping, and I will leave them to discuss that question. The next item I should like to inquire about is managing directors' fees, \$25,929.20. How is that item made up?

The CHAIRMAN—It is made up in accordance with article 95 of the Articles of Association of the Company.

Mr. POLLOCK—Have you taken it on a 3 or a five per cent. basis?

The CHAIRMAN—On a 3 per cent. basis.

Mr. POLLOCK—Now, sir, do I understand you to consider this amount a not profit, on which the managing directors are entitled to the percentage, although the company has not actually got the money in hand?

The CHAIRMAN—My idea of net profits is as shown by the accounts before you.

Mr. POLLOCK—That is no answer to my question. Is the sum of \$5,000 included in the managing directors' account of net profits?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Mr. POLLOCK—I see you have included in net profits \$57,580.70, which is surely not net profit.

The CHAIRMAN—You are perfectly correct. It is not net profit, and commission has not been reckoned on that.

Mr. POLLOCK—I don't see how the sum of \$200,000 can be possibly arrived at on a basis of 3 per cent. It is obvious that this system of payment to the managing directors is very detrimental to the ordinary body of shareholders.

If you refer to the figures of previous years when we received instead of seven pence the first year 1905, you will see that the managing directors' fees were less, being \$17,000 for 1904 and \$25,929.20 for 1905. Therefore, of three years, the managing directors have taken most in respect of the year 1905, in which year the shareholders only receive a seven per cent. as against a twelve per cent. dividend.

It is Mr. Gershom Stewart said he was induced to speak on the position of the Company as expressed by the report for two reasons. The first was because the Company's management of certain property in Wanchai was the cause of protest in the public press, which had the result of special legislation being passed to put the matter in order. He thought that when the press and the police of their own initiative and with entire justification felt called upon to teach the Company how to manage any of its properties it was time for the ordinary shareholders to stir himself and say something. He trusted that no one would ever again be able to point the finger of scorn at the Company as the proprietor of any houses used for disorderly and immoral purposes, and he earnestly hoped that nothing similar to the deplorable business which disgraced Wanchai during the early part of last year need ever be again referred to at any future meeting of the Company.

The second reason he had for speaking was that he had received letters from shareholders at home asking him how he got the directors' fees. He had answered them by saying that they were in a sinking Colony it would be explainable; but they were not. They had suffered from no devastating earthquake or typhoon, and they must, therefore, look within and not to reasons without for some explanation of this enormous amount. Since 1891 there had been an advance in the rateable value of the Colony from \$1,649,121 to \$10,472,278. Admitting some extension of area, it would still appear that money well invested in 1891 would be giving a very handsome return today. The published details as to the late Mr. Granville Sharp's estate also went to show that when his estate was duly assessed by competent and reliable authorities at the time of his death a few years ago, it was valued at \$1,000,000, and a lawsuit later proved that the estate had increased in value more than 10 per cent. Allowing for a safe valuation in the first case, there had been, and was now, a very great augmentation in the estate referred to which did not seem to be shown in the figures they had before them. Another interesting comparison was the Shanghai Land Company, whose shares stood at 140 per cent. premium on a nominal value of 25 per cent. in the case of the Land Investment Company. Granting that Shanghai was perhaps exceptionally favoured, he did not think any one would say that the figures of relative prosperity were fairly represented by 140 per cent. as compared to 25 per cent. They had always held in hand with the Colony both in prosperity and adversity. It was now some time ago since the newspapers reported the purchase of a large property at Tsimshatsui by the secretary of this Company. Provided that the Government were desirous of selling the site, it seemed natural enough that the Land Company should desire to secure a substantial interest in a place from which anyone could see that railways might radiate all over China. It was with feelings of disappointment approaching to dismay that they eventually realised that this purchase was not for them but for a rival company brought out under the auspices of the managing director of the Land Investment Co. He used the word rival company advisedly, for to reclaim meant that it did so with the object of obtaining land to sell or rent, and therefore dealt in the same article as

the Land Company did. Shareholders in the Land Investment Company naturally asked the question, why did they not do that business. If they had no lease money at the moment they could have easily borrowed it. Or if not, and it was advisable to increase the capital, it appeared to him that it would have been a grand act and sound policy to have floated the new company as an infant to the Land Investment Company, by offering shares to the shareholders 5,000 shares at, say, \$2 each. It appeared to him it would be a sounder course if a system of associated and affiliated companies over which they had control were inaugurated than to invest in a rival company over which they would have no control. Some on the rival board might be friendly to them, but the paramount consideration at their meetings was their own Company's interests. Shareholders would have appreciated such consideration, and the most valuable asset in any company's accounts—mutual confidence and good-will—between manager and managed—would have been increased. He trusted that they would not have dealings, as with the unscrupulous professor which parents have for their younger offspring, it might be, if the interests of little Jacob of Tsimshatsui competed with those of their dilapidated old Beau of the Queen's Road, they would not get the better of the bargain. If those directors—thank God! there were some who did not belong to both companies argued in their interests, some protection was afforded them; but the knowledge and influence of their managing directors was lost to them in fact, and he suggested that anyone buying shares in the company was in the position of a man buying a property with a flaw in the title; he knew that the full fruit of his money would, in certain cases not be returned to him, as after a certain point the managing directors divided the profits with them. Shareholders accepted that position in the hope that the special knowledge and experience of the managing directors would be applied to their benefit. He was aware that the Chairman was not a director of either company when the Reclamation Company started, but being in the chair he accepted the risk of being heckled by discontented shareholders. The amount accorded to the managing directors, \$25,929.20 with a \$7 dividend seemed out of all proportion to services rendered, and it occurred to him to ask, Did the company belong to the managing directors, with the shareholders and forgotten children looking with hungry eyes for any crumbs which might fall from their masters' table? or, Did the company belong to the shareholders with the managing directors as their highly remunerated officers? He would ask them for a ruling on that point. If the latter were the case, it seemed odd that \$15,000 should be paid to two directors and somewhere about \$1,000 each to others who had remained staunch to the company through hard times. It was better, he was sure the Chairman would agree, that if there was discontent it should be openly ventilated than secretly whispered. By that course remedies might be suggested and perhaps a cure effected. He offered these remarks in the hope that misgivings might be removed and the future outlook improved. If the present policy of floating new land companies and managing them with officials of that company was to pass unchallenged, it might be continued indefinitely to their injury. Discreet vigilance and half-hearted action could lead only to disappointment. By single-minded and devoted service alone could the company become great, and he protested against their officers and directors serving rival land companies as an injustice to the shareholders of the company.

The CHAIRMAN—I think it would be more in order if I at first proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. I have ascertained meanwhile that the property in question was Reclamation Co. property. Mr. Shelton Hooper being at home at the time.

Mr. MICHAEL—I have a question to ask. Mr. Pollock asked about the writing up of the \$200,000 worth of shares in the Reclamation Co. I use you have written up from \$75 to \$100.

The CHAIRMAN—That is so.

Mr. MICHAEL—How did you arrive at that price? You remarked in your speech that they had gone up 50 per cent. beyond book value.

The CHAIRMAN—If you mean that the shares very reasonably be written up to a higher figure, I agree with you. But the directors decided that \$100 was a safe and reasonable figure to put them at, leaving a further margin for a future rainy day.

Mr. MICHAEL—So that, even when business has been done at \$150, you put them down at \$100.

The CHAIRMAN—They stand at \$150.

Mr. MICHAEL—And on that writing up you charge your commission?

The CHAIRMAN—That is, of course, questioned.

Mr. MICHAEL—We have got property to the value of about \$6,000,000. What proportion in value is still undeveloped and unproductive to us?

The CHAIRMAN—About half a lakh of dollars.

Mr. MICHAEL—What is the percentage?

The CHAIRMAN—You can figure it out for yourself.

Mr. MICHAEL—Less than one per cent.?

The CHAIRMAN—Yes.

Mr. MICHAEL—Well, I have a suggestion to make.

The CHAIRMAN—I think we had better get on with the business of the meeting.

Mr. MICHAEL—It might be an important suggestion.

The CHAIRMAN—I shall be pleased to hear it after the business of the meeting.

The CHAIRMAN—And on that writing up with very many of the remarks which have fallen from my friend, Mr. Gershom Stewart, and in reply to what he has said, I think it might be useful if I indicated how the Reclamation Company came to be formed. That company was formed in April, 1902, four years ago, the directors of this company having in view the then contemplated Praya East reclamation, which they will still recall, and in which the Land Investment Company by reason of its ownership of many marine lots in that district, would have had a considerable interest, and the necessity would occasion for a large capital outlay which could not be productive for many years. The idea was conceived of forming a new and distinct company which would undertake that work and thus avoid a look-up of capital to the Land Investment Co. The project was submitted to your full board, who in the then position of the company referred especially to the extensive programme to which we are already committed. They deemed it prudent to place some limit on such a prospective outlay and decided to take an interest of \$200,000 in the new company. Those shares were applied for and allotted to them, and are still held; in this way it was considered that shareholders' interests were very appreciably protected, but I am very sorry to gather from the remarks made that shareholders themselves hold a different opinion.

Mr. POLLOCK—I think in your statement just made you gave an inaccurate answer to my question just now. I asked if it was true that this company had disposed of any property

or rights of reclamation to the Reclamation Co., and your answer only referred to Marine Lot 49. From what you say now I gather that you disposed of our rights to the Praya East Reclamation. Is that so?

The CHAIRMAN—That idea was suggested at a meeting of this company, but it is not so.

Mr. POLLOCK—Have we sold or agreed to sell the Praya East reclamation?

The CHAIRMAN—I have already said No. Distinctly, No.

Mr. POLLOCK—It was intended or contemplated to sell?

Sir PAUL CHATER—Certainly not. It was never dreamt of.

Mr. POLLOCK—What is the object of the Chairman's statement?

The CHAIRMAN—I am sorry I cannot make it any clearer.

Mr. POLLOCK—It is not my fault. You have got the information. I am a shareholder and ask for it.

The CHAIRMAN—I am sorry if you are unable to grasp it.

Mr. POLLOCK—You referred to the Praya East reclamation.

The CHAIRMAN—That is not so. It was in view of the enormous outlay that the idea of forming this Reclamation Co. originated, in order to relieve the Land Investment Co. of an expenditure which would entail a very inconvenient look-up of capital.

Mr. POLLOCK—I must confess I don't understand your explanation at all.

Sir PAUL CHATER said the new project of the Land Reclamation Company at Tsimshatsui could not have been kept waiting, and if the Land Reclamation Co. had not been formed, it would probably have meant waiting for two years longer. The dividends paid were 12 per cent., although the present one was only seven on account of some properties not being developed. They were now, and would go on, paying 12 per cent. The Land Investment Co. did not feel justified in taking the very large interest in the Land Reclamation Co. they were offered, and the Board decided to take only \$200,000 in it. That was what the Chairman meant to say about the reclamation.

Mr. POLLOCK—I don't understand. If it was considered by the managing directors, as directors for this company, advisable for the company to become the holder of a \$200,000 share in the Reclamation Company, why didn't they take all the shares. Why was not the extra business offered to shareholders?

Sir PAUL CHATER—With the individual shareholders we have nothing to do. I am talking about the Company. The Land Investment Co. have taken absolutely whatever they wanted of the whole capital, but from reasons given you they thought it advisable not to put too much money in one concern. Imagine \$1,200,000 not earnings anything at all; would you have got a dividend? Certainly not. Therefore, when the matter was placed before the board of the Company, the board decided only to have an interest to the extent of \$200,000.

Mr. POLLOCK—Your explanation seems to me explanation at all. From the chairman's speech we understood we could sell our property at \$1.00 each.

Sir PAUL CHATER—That is to-day, yes. Not four years ago. I pointed out to you that if it was not a good thing the directors would not have taken it.

Sir PAUL CHATER—Why didn't we get it all then?

Mr. POLLOCK—I don't understand those reasons.

Mr. MICHAEL—I think I can gather at what Mr. Pollock is driving. He considers that the directors should have submitted their scheme about the reclamation shares to shareholders, and asked whether they wanted it or not.

Mr. POLLOCK—Mr. Michael has exactly expressed what I meant. I didn't know I was so obscure.

Sir PAUL CHATER—We are not here to look after individual shareholders of the company. The company is looked after by the Board of Directors and they took their choice. If on that occasion I had come round and asked some of you to take an interest in the concern, I venture to say not one of you would have taken it.

Mr. MICHAEL—That is precisely what you don't know.

Sir PAUL CHATER—I will go further. Some one also did take an interest to the extent of \$50,000, and after he sold it increased from time to time until it reached \$220,000 above the book value. He was so sick that he sold his shares back to us.

Mr. POLLOCK agreed with Mr. Michael that the proper course for the directors would have been to consult the shareholders, and a meeting ought to have been called for that purpose. As it was, the managing directors took an interest of \$200,000 out of \$1,200,000, which appeared to have been, from what he could gather, a very good investment. He certainly thought the Board was starting a rival company.

The CHAIRMAN—I must take exception to your calling the Land Reclamation a rival company.

Mr. POLLOCK—What do you call it, a competing company? I should very much like to know what you defined it as.

The CHAIRMAN—You cannot have an interest in a rival company.

Mr. POLLOCK—It surely competes with ours. It does similar business to ours.

The CHAIRMAN—I propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted and passed.

Mr. BAIN—I have much pleasure in seconding that motion. We have had quite enough talking as yet, and I make no remarks on the question.

The motion was carried, Mr. Pollock voting against.

Mr. MICHAEL suggested that the million dollars' worth of the Company's property should be valued so that shareholders might know its worth. It might be worth an interest of 12 per cent. and if that were so they were only getting seven. He suggested that the value of the property should be put on record every second or third year.

The CHAIRMAN said Mr. Michael's suggestion would have the consideration of the board.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—In the course of this discussion I have listened to a number of remarks. He said we did not consider it his business to study the interests of shareholders.

Sir PAUL CHATER—Individual shareholders.

Hon. Mr. STEWART—The company is made up of individual shareholders, and it seems to me there is an error of judgment somewhere. I wish to propose that "The shareholders of this company desire to record their opinion that in future any favourable opportunities for reclamation or other dealings in property in respect of which fresh capital is required ought to be offered in the first instance by the managing directors to shareholders of this company, and that no property or rights of the company ought to be sold to the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co."

Mr. POLLOCK seconded the motion.

Mr. MICHAEL wished the resolution amended. The Hongkong Land Reclamation Company might at some time offer them a good price for

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [31]

NOTICE.

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W. CHATHAM, Water Authority.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [32]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th, to the 24th day of February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [33]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th day of February, 1906, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [34]

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the HEAD QUARTERS OFFICE, Fletcher Street, until 12 o'clock Noon, on FRIDAY, 10th February, 1906, for the undermentioned SUPPLIES AND SERVICES, for the period of 12 Months from 1st April, 1906:—

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Forms of Tender and any particulars can be obtained on application to this Office, personally or by letter, addressed to the OFFICER COMMANDING, HEAD QUARTERS, CORPS, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

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Head Quarters Office, Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [35]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 3rd February, 1906, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, SUNDY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, BEVELLED GLASS, OVERMANTLES, PERSIAN CARPET & RUGS, DRAWING ROOM SUITES, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, PIANOS, COOKING STOVES, &c., &c., &c.

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Hongkong, 2nd February, 1906. [36]

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Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [5]

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO., Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [31]

NOTICE.

THE Partnership existing between Mr. E. S. JOSEPH and Mr. A. W. WHITLOW, under the firm name of JOSEPH AND WHITLOW, Share Brokers, has this day been Dissolved by mutual consent.

All forward business will be attended to by Mr. E. S. JOSEPH.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [318]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

FROM this date, and during the Absence of Mr. G. L. TOMLIN from the Colony, Mr. C. PEMBERTON has been Appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. G. WOOD, Chairman.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [30]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE 1906 RACE MEETING will be held on MONDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, and Two Following Days, not on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd March, as previously arranged for. In all other respects the programme as issued will stand.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 4th January, 1906. [147]

CONNAUGHT RECEPTION.

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W. ARMSTRONG, Hon. Sec. Ball Committee, (c/o Butterfield & Swire.) Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [278]

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Hongkong, 27th January, 1906. [284]

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THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & CO., Agents, Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [13]

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 29th January, to TUESDAY, the 6th February (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHEETON HOOPEK, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Agents for the Company, Kowloon, 19th January, 1906. [250]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Central, on SATURDAY, 10th FEBRUARY, 1906, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 8th to 12th February, 1906, both days inclusive.

J. D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [302]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-NINTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, HOTEL MANSIONS, on THURSDAY, the 15th FEBRUARY, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

T. ARNOLD, Secretary, Hongkong, 25th January, 1906. [280]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the General Managers, at 12.30 P.M. on THURSDAY, 15th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to 15th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. General Managers, Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [301]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 NOON, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the proposed special Resolutions. Should the said Resolutions be passed by the required majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 25th January, 1906.

By Order of the Board,

JAMES WHITTALL, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 139, namely:—

139. The Board, through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders, at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.

(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company as from the 1st day of May, 1905, to the 31st day of December, 1905, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders to the 30th April, 1905, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1905, shall be called for by or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 139 as this day substituted.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY, Queen's Buildings, New Praya, on MONDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1906, at 12 o'clock NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary, Hongkong, 1st February, 1906. [319]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.

EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. BUTTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 33, Elgin Road and Mr. AH YAU'S FERRY WHARF STALL, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1905. [103]

TO LET

SEVEN EUROPEAN HOUSES, late P. Blackhead & Co. and Shawan, Tomes & Co.'s Offices. Ground Floors and Top Floors with Godowns can be let separately on leases. Apply to— CHUNG SHUN KOO, First Floor, No. 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 14th July, 1905. [81]

SUITABLE for Office, ONE ROOM in Prince's Buildings. Apply to— LAUTS, WEGENER & CO., Hongkong, 4th March, 1905. [84]

NOS. 2, 5, 6, BARROW TERRACE, THREE NEW HOUSES, CASTLE ROAD, HONGKONG. Apply to— SAM WANG CO., LD., 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [85]

NEW "KINGSCLEERE" with Stables entrances in both Kennedy and Macdonnell Roads. For full particulars, apply to— LINSTAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor, Hongkong, 17th February, 1906. [82]

NO. 1, RIFON TERRACE, No. 5, CLIFTON GARDENS, Conduit Road, No. 6, CLIFTON GARDENS, No. 17, WONG NEI CHONG ROAD. OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE'S FIRM). GODOWNS, PRAYA EAST. A BUILDING at Causeway Bay, formerly in occupation of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd. HOUSES in MORETON TERRACE. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 13th January, 1906. [177]

A NEW EUROPEAN HOUSE, next but one to "Glaceau" Macdonnell Road, containing 7 Rooms and Bath Rooms, with a well laid out Lawn. Full View of Harbour. Apply to— CHUNG CHIN NAM, 31, Bonham Strand, West, Hongkong, 4th December, 1905. [159]

THE First-floor of YORK BUILDINGS (Opposite Messrs. Gauer & Co.) For Offices. Apply to— KELLY & WALSH, LD., Hongkong, 4th September, 1905. [87]

TWO ROOMS on the Ground Floor of the annex, from 1st September next, suitable for Office. For particulars apply to the undersigned. C. H. GRACE, Secretary, Hongkong, 1st June, 1905. [110]

NO. 5, "FAIRVIEW" Robinson Road, Kowloon. Semi-detached House. Moderate rental. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 29th December, 1905. [190]

GODOWN, No. 3, NEW PRAYA, Kennedy Town. Apply to— HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 28th June, 1905. [78]

NO. 74, CAINE ROAD, No. 2, MACDONNELL ROAD. Apply to— COMPADORE'S DEPARTMENT, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Hongkong, 3rd June, 1905. [80]

TWO LARGE OFFICES on the First Floor of No. 34, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Post Office. Possession on or after the 10th December, 1905. Apply to— WONG CHEE SANG, Care of YEE SANG FAT & CO., Hongkong, 30th November, 1905. [107]

FIVE ROOMS on Second Floor, 19, Queen's Road Central, over Messrs. Gray & Co.'s premises, at present occupied by Messrs. Darty & Co. Apply to— KELLY & WALSH, LD., Hongkong, 20th December, 1905. [88]

"TANG YUEN" No. 18, MACDONNELL ROAD, containing 18 Rooms and Bath Rooms; a well laid out Garden and Lawn. Full View of Harbour. Lately occupied as a First-Class Hotel. Part or whole of premises can be let. Apply to— LUK CHEUK MAN, No. 81, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 12th July, 1905. [86]

POSSESSION 1st MAY, 1906. "DUNFORD" a Five-Roomed Bungalow. Apply to— C. W. RICHARDS, Hongkong, 18th January, 1906. [241]

NO. 15, KNUTSFORD TERRACE KOWLOON. Apply to— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD., Hongkong, 2nd December, 1905. [177]

TO LET

"THE EYRIE," Peak.

1, DES VIGUE VILLAS, Peak. Nos. 5, 6 & 21, BELLILIOS TERRACE, No. 13, BEACONSFIELD ACADEMY Top Floor.

No. 2, COLLEGE GARDENS, No. 4, ALBANY, "EARNSTFOOT," 30, Robinson Road. Furnished for 6 months. With Electric Light and Fan.

"BROCKHURST," PEAK, from 1st March, 1906.

"CLAVADEL," PEAK, Furnished, 24, BELLILIOS TERRACE, Corner House. BUNGALOW (Furnished), at New Territory, Kowloon, 4 Rooms, Low rental.

2ND FLOOR in Central position, containing Four Large Rooms, Ante-room and Lavatory &c., with use of Electric Lift. Wall, suited for Office. Apply to— LINSTAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 24th January, 1906. [183]

At "HOTEL MANSIONS," TWO ROOMS, on 1st Floor, suitable for Office. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD., Agents, Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [310]

AT QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, the Offices (Ground Floor) lately occupied by Hamburg-America Linie. Apply to— SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [209]

TWO GODOWNS, at East Point, close to the Water, suitable for the Storage of any Cargo. Floor Area, 6,100 square feet each. Apply to— JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Hongkong, 20th January, 1906. [266]

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET. TO LET in Kowloon, a FURNISHED HOUSE suitable for 2 or 3 Bachelors or Small Family; 4 Rooms with all appointments; Electric Light and Fans; Piano. Apply to— Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 29th January, 1906. [288]

NO. 1, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon, Five-Roomed House, Tennis Court. Possession from 1st March. Apply to— ARNOLD V. APCAR & Co., 45, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, 29th January, 1906. [287]

SPACIOUS GODOWN, Central position. Apply to— X. X. X., Care of "Daily Press" Office, Hongkong, 22nd December, 1905. [108]

HOUSES in AUSTIN AVENUE, Kowloon. Moderate rentals. Apply to— HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LD., Hongkong, 12th October, 1905. [189]

HOUSE, No

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

JOINT SERVICES.
FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS TO LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAPAN
AND HUMANTRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 6th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 13th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANGTSE"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 6th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 13th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAI"	On 20th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINLUCK"	On 27th March.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"PATROCLUS"	On 13th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"SAINT BEDE"	On 20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 27th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	On 13th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"PELEUS"	On 20th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"ALCINOUS"	On 27th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DIOMED"	On 10th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP	"TEENKAI"	On 24th April.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Operating in conjunction with
THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND
COMMON PORTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO-	"YANGTSE"	On 24th February.
HAMA	"KEEMUN"	On 24th March.

WESTWARD.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA, and PACIFIC COAST	"PINGSUET"	On 7th February.
	"OANFA"	On 1st March.

For Freight, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [9.10]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

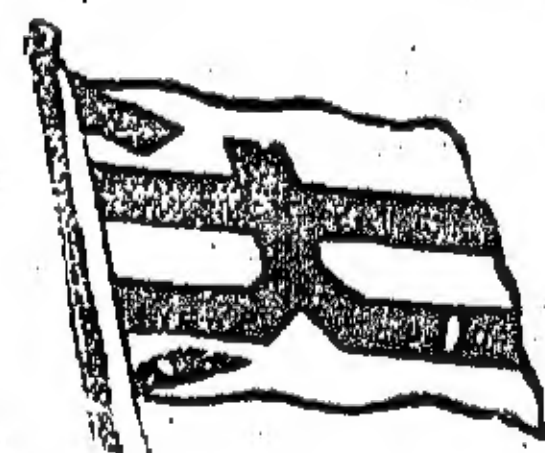
FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"TAIYUAN"	On 3rd February.
CEBU and ILOILO	"PAKHOI"	On 4th February.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"KAIFONG"	On 6th February.
	"TAMING"	On 8th February.
	"TSINAN"	On 8th February.

* The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A daily qualified
Surgeon is carried.
† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to the superior accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A daily qualified
Surgeon is carried.
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other
Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS. [11]

Hongkong, 30th January, 1906.



OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG— SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
TAMU via SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIGI MARU"	SUNDAY, 4th Feb.
TAMU via SWATOW and AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU"	SUNDAY, 11th Feb.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY and FOCHOW	"ANPING MARU"	About THURSDAY, 15th Feb.
ANPING via SWATOW and AMOY	"DECIMA"	THURSDAY, 8th Feb.

* These Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted
throughout with electric light.
† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office
at No. 8, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, 29th January, 1906.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE	REMARKS.
YOKOHAMA via SHANGHAI, NUBIA	"MOJI"	About 2nd February	Freight and Passage.
MOJI and KOBE	"F. J. Fox"	February	
SHANGHAI	"DONGOLA"	About 9th February	Freight and Passage.
LONDON &c. via USUAL PORTS	"ARCADIA"	Neon, 10th February	See Special of Call.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"W. W. Cooke, R.N.E."	February	Advertisement.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	"E. P. Martin, R.N.E."	About 14th February	Freight and Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1906.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.
CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
HYADES	3,753	J. Alton	On 13th February.
TREMONT	9,606	T. W. Garlick	On 20th February.

† Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
CULINARY, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSE.
The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" are fitted with very Superior
Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures
steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried
in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS.
HONGKONG, 12th January, 1906.
DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
GENERAL AGENTS.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT
SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG.

STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND CARGO.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH
AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES.
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 14th February
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 28th February
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 14th March
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY 28th March
PRINZ REGENT LUDWIG	WEDNESDAY 11th April
PRINZ FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 25th April
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 9th May
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY 23rd May
ROON	WEDNESDAY 6th June

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th day of FEBRUARY, 1906, at Noon, the Steamship
"PREUSSEN" Captain R. Meyer, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and
CARGO, will leave this Port at Noon, on MONDAY, the 12th February. Cargo and
Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 12th February. Cargo and
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 13th February, and Parcels
will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon, on TUESDAY, the 13th February.
Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50,
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.
Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class
TO NAPLES, GENOA AND GIBRALTAR return 281 0 0 142 0 0 72 0 0
TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN
AND HAMBURG return 65 0 0 44 0 0 24 0 0
TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ
via NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR return 64 0 0 40 0 0 20 0 0
via BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON return 110 0 0 70 0 0 40 0 0
via BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON return 123 0 0 83 0 0 49 0 0

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and
travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland the SAME RATES to be applied as via NAPLES,
GENOA or GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's
expense.

TOUR VIA INDIA:
Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from
SINGAPORE TO CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail Steamer from Singapore to Colombo.
The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.
INTERUPTION OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT:
Passengers to European and New York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean
Steamers from ALEXANDRIA, to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer
from Port SAID.

JAPAN-CHINA-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

VIA NEW GUINEA.

STEAM FOR MANILA, FRIEDRICH-WILHELM-SHAFFEN,
SIMPSONHAFEN, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMER	332 tons	4763 tons	3127 tons	TUESDAY, 6th Feb., at Noon.	TUESDAY, 6th March.	TUESDAY, 3rd April.
PRINZ SIGISMUND
WILLERHAD
PRINZ WALDEMAR

ON TUESDAY, the 6th FEBRUARY, at Noon, the Steamship "PRINZ SIGISMUND,"
Captain Leuz, with Mails, Passengers and Cargo, will leave this port at Noon.
The Steamer has splendid accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class 1st Class 2nd Class
TO MANILA ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO NEW GUINEA ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO BRISBANE ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO SYDNEY ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO MELBOURNE ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO YOKOHAMA ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO KOBE ... \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00 return \$30.00 ... \$18.10 ... \$14.00
TO YOKOHAMA and back from KOBE ... \$14.00 ... \$10.00

THROUGH RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY FROM HONGKONG: 1st Class
TO EUROPE via AUSTRALIA and COLOMBO by Imperial Mail Steamer £97 0 0.
TO EUROPE via AUSTRALIA and AMERICA by Imperial Mail Steamer ... 95 0 0.
From Australia to New York via Vancouver by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers, or via San
Francisco by the O. & G.S. Co.'s steamers, and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent
Express Steamers of N.D.L.

SAILINGS OUTWARDS.

EUROPEAN & AUSTRALIAN SERVICE

YOKOHAMA and KOBE *WILLERHAD *TUESDAY, 13th February
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, PRINCESS ALICE WED'DAY, 14th February
KOBE & YOKOHAMA BAYERN WED'DAY, 28th February

* Reaching Yokohama in less than six days.
TRANS-PACIFIC THROUGH TICKETS FROM HONGKONG via Vancouver or San
Francisco to New York by the C.P.R. Co.'s steamers P.M.S.S. Co., O. & G.S. Co.,
T. K. K. and from New York to Europe by the Magnificent Express Steamers of the
Norddeutscher Lloyd are issued at the following Rates:—
To London via Plymouth or Southampton 62 0 0
To Bremen 63 10 0
To Paris via Cherbourg 65 0 0
To Naples, Genoa via Gibraltar 65 0 0

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

HONGKONG, 1st February, 1906.
MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENARTY"

Captain Sordet, will be despatched as above on
or about the 4th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1906. [25]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"GLENSTRAE"

Captain J. McGilivray, will be despatched as
above on or about THURSDAY, the 22nd Feb.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1906. [307]

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON, 1906.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

FOR

MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.

THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO NEW YORK.

Steamers to	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
COLOMBO	HONGKONG	from COLOMBO to	MARSEILLES	PLYMOUTH
		MARSEILLES & LONDON	(Brindisi 2 days earlier)	(London 1 day later)
ARCADIA	7000	Feb. 10	Mar. 10	Mar. 16
DELHI	8000	Feb. 24	Mar. 24	Mar. 30
DONGOLA	8000	Mar. 10	Apr. 10	Apr. 13
DELTA	8000	Mar. 24	Apr. 24	Apr. 27
OCEANA	7000	Apr. 7	May 7	May 11
ARCADIA	7000	Apr. 21	May 21	May 26
DEVANHA	8000	May 5	June 5	June 9
DELHI	8000	May 19	June 19	June 23

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express
Mail Steamer at Port Said.

Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time
of booking.

In addition to the above Mail Steamers the following—

INTERMEDIATE (non-transshipment) STEAMERS

WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave	Leave	Due at
	HONGKONG	SINGAPORE	LONDON
JAPAN	Feb. 14	Feb. 23	Mar. 31
SUMATRA	Feb. 25	Mar. 9	Apr. 14
NUBIA	Mar. 14	Mar. 21	Apr. 28
JAVA	Mar. 28	Apr. 6	May 12
FORMOSA	Apr. 11	Apr. 20	May 26

These Steamers call also at Singapore, Penang, Colombo, and at Malta or Marseilles.

† "SUMATRA" and "NUBIA" call at MARSEILLES.

† "JAPAN," "JAVA" and "FORMOSA" carry only First Saloon Passengers.

For Passage apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1906. [2707]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Second half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of February
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of January	JAVA PORTS	First half of February
TJIMAH	JAVA	Second half of February	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	Second half of February
TJILIWONG	JAPAN	Second half of February	JAVA PORTS	First half of March

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a
limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on
through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY OF THE

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Yok Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1906. [116]

VESSLS ON 'THE BERTH'

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
(Florio and Rubattino United Companies.)

STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.

Having connection with Company's Mail Steamer to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LECORNO and GENOA, also VENICE and TRIESTE, all MEDITERRANEAN, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN Ports up to CALLAO.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to PERMAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)

THE Steamship

"CAPRI"

Captain Beldio, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 12th February, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.

For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [74]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR"

Captain J. G. Olfert, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, 8th Feb., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1906. [295]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID AND NAPLES.

(If Sufficient Inducement Offers.)

THE Steamship

"RHEINANIA"

Captain Forek, will be despatched for the above ports on or about the 10th February.

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